January 31, 2012   Docket No.: 740756-1400

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	)	
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2815
Application No.: 08/520,079	)	Examiner: Jay C. Kim
Filed: August 28, 1995	)	Confirmation No.: 1321
For: SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT FOR ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME	))))	

AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 12, 2011, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to February 12, 2012. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 87, 90, 123 and 126 are pending in the present application, of which claims 87 and 123 are independent. No amendment is made to the claims.[1] For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 87, 90, 123 and 126 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,275,851 to Fonash and U.S. Patent No. 5,650,664 to Sakamoto. The rejection is traversed for the reasons advanced in detail below.

As stated in MPEP §§ 2142-2144.04, to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some reason, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable

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[1] This sentence is added in response to the *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* mailed January 20, 2012, and following a telephonic discussion between the Applicant's representative and the Examiner held January 26, 2012. Agreement was reached that the addition of this sentence overcomes the Examiner's concerns.